



Calverley Urban District Council.

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending December 31st, 1934.

To the
Chairman and Members of the Calverley Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to lay before you my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the Village for 1934.

During the First Quarter of the year, there was nothing unusual in the health of the people, the usual Bronchitis, Rheumatism and some Influenza being the chief ailments, which affected the Adult population, the Children being particularly free from sickness.

During the Second Quarter there was very little sickness of any kind.

During the Third Quarter there was an epidemic of sore throats, this affected Adults and Children. It was not Diphtheria, but resembled it in many ways. It lasted a week or ten days, then cleared up, and was probably an infection carried by dust during the dry weather.

The Fourth Quarter was a busy one, Chicken Pox and Diphtheria being prevalent amongst the Children, and Influenza amongst the Adults.

Looking back on 1934, I consider it to compare very favourably, probably due to another fine summer.

Population. The Population according to the Registrar General is 3,619, which is 47 more than that of 1933.

Births. There were 42 live births registered, 24 males and 18 females, which gives a birth rate of 11.05 per 1,000 of the population. That for England and Wales was 14.8.

There were 2 still births, 1 male and 1 female.

There were no illegitimate births.

Last 10 Years.

Number of Births.

Birth Rates

1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934
47	47	45	41	46	50	41	41	34	42
13.9	13.7	12.5	11.2	12.5	13.6	11.23	11.2	9.5	11.05

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Deaths.

There were 45 Deaths registered during the year, 18 males and 27 females. Of these 7 took place in Institutions outside the Village.

The Death Rate is 12.15. That for England and Wales is 11.8

The average age at Death was 59.7 years.

Deaths occurred at the following ages :—

Up to 1 year	18	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70
2	1	2	3	1	3	12

70 to 80	Over 80
16	5

Deaths occurred from the following Causes :—

Tuberculosis Respiratory	Tuberculosis Non-Respiratory	Cancer.	Diabetes.	Apoplexy.	Heart Disease	Pneu-monia.
1	1	8	1	2	12	1

Circulatory Diseases	Bronchitis.	Digestive Diseases	Congenital Debility.	Senile Decay	Violence	Other defined Diseases.
2	1	1	1	7	2	5

Infantile Mortality.

There were 2 Cases of Infantile Mortality, one due to difficult birth, and the other to a persistent Thymus gland. The Infantile Mortality Rate is 47.6 per 1,000 births registered. That for England and Wales is 59.

There were 4 Inquests held during the year on residents of the Village.

Last 10 Years
Number of Deaths
Death Rates

1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934
35	50	53	55	45	39	50	58	49	45
10.4	14.5	15.2	15.4	12.2	10.6	13.7	16.7	13.7	12.15

Zymotic Diseases. There were 28 cases notified, 14 Scarlet Fever, 9 Diphtheria, 1 Pneumonia, 4 Erysipelas. Considering the prevalence of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria in the surrounding districts, we have been very fortunate to escape as well as we have.

**Zymotic Diseases
for Last 10 Years**

	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934
Scarlet Fever... ..	7	16	8	18	28	14	12	19	21	14
Diphtheria	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	5	9
Erysipelas	4	2	4	3	2	2	2	2	1	4
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	0
Small Pox	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Influenzal Pneumonia	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

Most of the cases of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria were removed to Hospital, but there were occasions when the Hospital was full and a slight delay in admittance occurred. There were no deaths from these cases.

Vaccination. I regret that sufficient use of this form of Preventive Medicine is not made.

Water Supply. Though we have had two successive Summer's drought, there has been no shortage of Water, which has always been of good quality.

Milk Supply. No shortage of supply, and of good quality.

Scavenging. This has been well carried out and there have been much fewer complaints than formerly.

Cow Sheds and Dairies. I have visited these and found them on the whole, clean and in good repair.

**Slaughter Houses,
Bake Houses,
Mills, Workshops,
Canal Boats.** These have been inspected and I have no complaints to find with them.

Caravans. These, I am thankful to say are not increasing in number. Some are in good condition, others poor. The Sanitary arrangements are not satisfactory.

**The Park and
Playing Fields.**

These are gaining in usefulness and beauty, year by year, and more use is being made of them, not only for physical recreation, but for rest and mental recreation.

Allotments.

These are well kept and afford useful and educational advantages.

Roads.

The Main Roads are in good repair, but I would again like to draw the attention of the Council to those Streets at the Rodley end of the Village, they are a source of danger to anyone using them. I am pleased that Crowther Avenue and Sir Stephen's Road have been made up, and will be taken over by the Council.

Sewerage.

I have had no complaints about this. The Refuse Tip at Rodley Fold is kept tidy, and I have not had any complaints about it.

Ruins.

I would like to call your attention to the dangerous state of some of the disused buildings in the Village, also to the untidy way things are left after the demolition of buildings, such as those on The Green, The Town Wells, bottom of Clarke Street, and others.

Gentlemen, in conclusion, I think you have much to be proud of in the General Cleanliness, Repair, and Sanitary Conditions of the Village.

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

NORMAN A. A. HUGHES,
Medical Officer of Health.

SHAFTESBURY HOUSE,
CALVERLEY,
May, 1935.